

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. In communications filed on 4/16/2008, applicant amends claims 36, 39, 44, and 46; adds claims 48-51; and cancels claims 32-35. An examiner's amendment is shown below to replace the amendment filed on 4/16/2008; this examiner's amendment also provides the proper status identifiers of claims 37-43 which were incorrectly marked as new in the amendment filed on 4/16/2008.

1.1 In response to communications filed on 4/16/2008, the 35 USC 101 rejection of claims 32-35 and the 35 USC 112 first paragraph rejection of claims 32-47 have been withdrawn with respect to the amendment.

1.2 Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-9, filed on 4/16/2008, with respect to the prior art rejection of the claims have been fully considered and they are persuasive in the light of the Examiner's amendment; therefore, the prior art rejection has been withdrawn.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's Representative, Howard Grossman on May 7, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

1-35. (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) A secured electronic system comprising:

a backdoor enabled electronic device having a stored serial number and an assigned device authorization level for access to controlled attributes;

a single encrypted record of a serial number for said electronic device and a ~~designated~~ the assigned device authorization level for the access by said electronic device to controlled attributes;

a decryption structure for decrypting said single encrypted record to provide representations of a decrypted serial number for said electronic device and representations of a decrypted ~~access~~ device authorization level for said electronic device;

a serial number comparator for testing said decrypted serial number for said electronic device with said stored serial number to control enablement of said electronic device; ~~and~~

an authorization level comparator for testing said representations of a decrypted ~~access~~ device authorization level for an enabled electronic device with ~~said assigned an~~ authorization level of a backdoor application ~~authorization level for said electronic device~~ to control access to said controlled attributes and to allow access to said controlled attributes when said decrypted device authorization level for said electronic device is of an equal or higher authorization level than the authorization level of the backdoor application.

37. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 36 wherein said single encrypted record is stored on the electronic device.

38. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 37 wherein said encrypted record is stored as a locked flash record.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 36 wherein said electronic device receives said stored serial number at the time of manufacture.

41. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 36 wherein said electronic device comprises a personal digital assistant.

42. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 41 wherein said electronic device includes internet capabilities.

43. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 41 wherein said electronic device includes a capability to transmit and receive data in a wireless interface.

44. (Currently Amended) A process for enabling backdoor enabled electronic device having a stored serial number and an assigned device authorization level for access to controlled attributes, comprising the steps of:

storing on the electronic device, a single encrypted record of a serial number and the a designated device authorization level of the electronic device ~~for the access of said electronic device to controlled attributes;~~

decrypting said single encrypted record to provide representations of a decrypted serial number for said electronic device and representations of a decrypted ~~access~~ device authorization level ~~for said electronic device;~~

comparing said decrypted serial number for said electronic device with said stored serial number to control enablement of said electronic device; and

testing said representations of a decrypted ~~access for an enabled electronic device~~ device authorization level of the electronic device against ~~said assigned~~ an authorization level of a

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~~backdoor application authorization level for access to control accesses for said electronic device to access controlled attributes;~~

wherein in accordance with said comparing step, access is allowed when said decrypted device authorization level for said electronic device is of an equal or higher authorization level than the authorization level of the backdoor application.

45. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 44 wherein said encrypted record is stored as a locked flash record.

46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 44 wherein said step of storing on the electronic device is performed at the time of manufacture of said electronic device.

48-51. (Canceled)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 36-38, 40-45, and 47 are allowed.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CARL COLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-3862. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00-6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser G. Moazzami can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Carl Colin/

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